

GOOD ROADS AND  
RURAL DELIVERY

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It is stated that the commission appointed under the act of Congress of May 27, 1908, to inquire into the feasibility of the government acquiring and operating the pneumatic tube service, has completed its work, and that the report will be submitted to Congress soon after it convenes. No hint is given regarding the commission's recommendations.

## Reduced Foreign Rate.

The recent establishment of the 2-cent-an-ounce rate, of letter postage between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland will, it is stated, have the effect of bringing about greater postal receipts. A lower postage rate will prove another bond toward closer social and commercial relations between the two great English-speaking countries. It is stated, "and it will do much to enable our manufacturers to better advertise their goods and thus increase their sales in those countries." Modern progress, it is added, is annihilating distance, and revolutionized methods in shipbuilding have made the English markets but a few days from American ports. It is urged that cheaper and direct mail service as a stimulus to business and friendly intercourse of nations, should be extended wherever practicable.

## Provision for Railway Clerks.

Figures relating to the railway mail service show a decrease of fifteen in the number of railway postal clerks killed, and of twenty-one injured, as compared with the fiscal year 1907. In 1908 there were four clerks and two substitutes killed and 104 seriously and 626 slightly injured. Recommendation is made that railway postal clerks be given annual leave of absence with pay for thirty days, and that when so seriously disabled as not to be able to resume duty at the expiration of twelve months, they may be granted disability leave with pay at 50 per cent. of their regular compensation during such disability for not exceeding twelve additional months.

The regulations governing "sample" copies are treated at length in the report, the Postmaster-General concluding with the statement that the publishers, with rare exceptions, have honored the position of the department and commended it for the course it pursued.

The attention of Congress is invited to the previous recommendation for a reduction in the rate and an increase in the weight limit for fourth-class matter "in order to remove an unjust discrimination to our own people."

## HOMEWARD BOUND

Battleship Fleet Will Sail from Manila Bay, December 1st.

MANILA, December 29.—The departure from Manila December 1st of the American battleship fleet under the command of Rear-Admiral Sperry, the sixteen vessels that are making such a remarkable round-the-world voyage turn their backs on the Philippines. They have been gone from Hampton Roads nearly a year if the record established up to the present time is maintained. The fleet will return home without serious accident or mishap of any kind. The progress has been made by men of governments with deep interest.

The officers and men of the fleet on this trip around the world have been lavishly entertained at every port they touched. In Australian waters the Americans were treated by men of their own race. In Japan and in China they saw the splendors of the Orient, and in the Mediterranean Southern Europe will turn out to do them honor.

After clearing Manila Bay the sixteen battleships will head for Colombo, Ceylon, where they will be in two weeks. They will stay there for six days and then proceed to Suez without stopping. They are due at the southern entrance of the Suez Canal January 8th, and after leaving Port Said, at the northern entrance, where they will be taken on board, the vessels will divide into squadrons and make a series of calls at various Mediterranean ports. In this manner the American ships will show at Athens, Tripoli, Ville Franche, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, Malta, Naples and Algiers. According to the present schedule, the entire fleet will leave Gibraltar on February 6th for either Hampton Roads or New York. The vessels are due in Hampton Roads or New York February 23d.

When the fleet reaches the United States it will have traversed, since it left Hampton Roads, 42,217 miles.

## Sunday's Festivities.

A reception by the Tabacalera Company to the sailors and their friends, numbering several thousands, and a dinner given by the English Club to Rear-Admirals Sperry, Emery, Walcott and Schreder, and sixty other officials, were the principal features of Sunday's entertainment.

Many blue jackets came ashore to-day and visited points of interest in and about the city. Tomorrow there will be a round of receptions, sports and other entertainments for the men. The day will conclude with a reception and ball to the officers by the squadron of Fort McKinley in the evening.

## COMMENCES TO-DAY

Mysterious Rustin Murder Case Is Now On in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., November 29.—The trial of Charles Edward Davis for the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin ten weeks ago in the District Court tomorrow. Mrs. Abbie Rice, who entered into a murder and suicide pact with Dr. Rustin, and falling, vowed that the State's star witness, but her testimony is expected to bring out some vigorous objection by counsel for the defense on the grounds that it is hearsay evidence. Although it is admitted that Davis has been twice committed to sanatoriums for temporary insanity, his counsel has declared that no attempt will be made to take advantage of an insanity plea.

## MISS MARY L. TAYLOR



Daughter of Hannis Taylor, former minister to Spain. Her engagement was recently announced to Dr. Held Hunt, of Washington.

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000; Georgia and Florida, 1,800,000; Louisiana, 500,000; Oklahoma, 750,000; Mississippi, 1,500,000; North Carolina, 875,000; South Carolina, 1,150,000; Tennessee, 400,000; Texas, 3,825,000. Total, 12,500,000.

These figures relate to the actual growth, and are exclusive of linters, repacks and similar additions. The crop has been picked and marketed with great rapidity, but farmers are inclined to hold the remnants for better prices.

## OKLAHOMA FLOOD

Forty-Eight Hour Downpour Causes Cottonwood River to Overflow.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., November 29.—As the result of a forty-eight-hour fall of rain in the valley of the Cottonwood River and its tributaries, the Cottonwood overflowed this afternoon. Several hundred homes are partly under water in West Guthrie and 3,000 persons to-night are homeless. The river is one foot higher than ever before in its history, and rising rapidly. Hundreds of residents who refused to leave the flooded district, believing that the river would not rise so rapidly, were forced to flee shots of distress before sunset. Hundreds of boats with volunteer rescuers brought the tardy to places of safety. It is believed that a few persons are still in their homes.

Street car service is at a standstill. The city's water plant is under water. Five thousand dollars' worth of cotton was washed down stream and 2,000 bales are still in the water. The Archison, Topeka and Santa Fe round-house and shops are inundated. Railroad trains in and out of Guthrie have been annulled. Much track has been washed out and several trains are water-bound.

## FEELING WAS HIGH

Negroes, Charged With Killing Former Sheriff, Taken to Safe Place.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., November 29.—Following instructions of Governor Comer, Sheriff Gwin, of Hale county, brought eight prisoners from Greensboro, Ala., to Birmingham this morning to be confined in the local jail for safe keeping.

The prisoners, all negroes, are charged with the murder of former Sheriff Robert Drake last week. Feeling has been high, and it was reported last night that a crowd was forming at Faunsdale to lynch the negroes.

## SHOT SWEETHEART.

Then Turned Pistol on Himself, and He Will Die.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., November 29.—Because the parents of sixteen-year-old Gertrude Dorin, of 2014 Moyamensing Avenue, were opposed to Hyman Cohen, or Herman Smith, thirty-five years old, of Shenandoah, as a suitor for their daughter's hand, Cohen shot the girl in the shoulder yesterday afternoon, and then sent a bullet into his brain.

Only the quick action of the girl in drawing away suddenly when she saw the revolver in Cohen's hand saved her life. Had the bullet lodged a few inches higher she would have been killed. Both Cohen and Miss Dorin were taken to the Mount Sinai hospital, where it was said last yesterday that the girl would recover, but that Cohen's chances of life were slim.

Cohen fell in love with Miss Dorin, but she did not care for him, and her parents did not want her to marry at such an early age. The Dorin family moved to this city about six months ago, where Cohen remained. He was sent yesterday after the shooting, but was not told of his daughter's injury until his arrival in the city late in the afternoon.

Cohen came to Philadelphia on Friday night, and asked to be permitted to stay in the Dorin home. He again asked to marry Miss Dorin, and was again refused by her mother. Then he decided to kill the girl and end his own life.

## ANNIVERSARY OF ACCIDENT.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., November 29.—To-day was the second anniversary of the twin engine crash and collision of the Norfolk and Western No. 31 and 32, of the Southern Railway, when President Samuel Spencer, of that system, was killed and horribly burned by the flames which consumed his private coach. Among the other victims of the wreck were Charles D. Fisher, of Baltimore; Philip Schuyler, of New York; and Frank T. Redwood, of Baltimore, who were in President Spencer's car en route with him for a day's outing in North Carolina. D. W. Davis, of Alexandria, President Spencer's private secretary, and two colored porters were the other victims, while twelve or fifteen persons, most of whom were colored, were injured.

## FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION.

PANAMA, November 29.—President Obald, with a view to improving the postal and telegraph systems of the republic, has created the office of director-general of posts and telegraphs and has appointed Ernest Letourneur to that position.

Letourneur, who is a Frenchman, has been made to reorganize both services, and it is the intention to connect all the towns on the isthmus telegraphically with the city of Panama. A wireless station will be installed at Colon.

## INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE.

ROME, November 29.—The General Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture closed to-day with an address by the Italian Minister of Agriculture, who said that the meeting was the first session of the parliament of the world. It affirmed the necessity of nations, races, peoples and governments, and had as its object the amelioration of the condition of mankind in its war on the parasites of speculation.

## LEAVITT DENIES IT.

PARIS, November 29.—W. H. Leavitt, whose wife is the daughter of W. H. Leavitt, announced to-day that there was no truth in the statement that divorce proceedings were impending against him. He said he has never been married, and that he is either in his letters or verbally.

Dispatches from Lincoln, Neb., published here state that Mr. Bryan is sending a lawyer to Paris to arrange for a divorce.

## CAN'T SELL PASTOR'S DEER.

SHIPENSBURG, Pa., November 29.—The Rev. C. G. White, of Chambersburg, who shot a large buck deer in the South Mountain, desired to give the deer to the women of his church to serve in a benefit supper.

A letter from Joseph Kaibfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, stated that under the State law, no part of a deer killed in Pennsylvania may be sold.

## WRECKED PRINTING WORKS.

LISBON, November 29.—A dynamite bomb exploded to-day in a printing works at Villa Nova. The printing works of Alvaro, and wrecked the establishment. There were no casualties, however. The police arrested a man who was seen lurking near the building at the time of the explosion.

Only One "BROMO QUININE," that is Laxative Bromo Quinine, Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in Two Days.

67c a box, 25c on every box.

## Miss Irene Moore, of Washington



Whose marriage to Captain H. L. Wigmore, U. S. A., will take place on December 5th.

question of the reduction of the United States tariff on Cuban sugar. A letter from E. F. Adams was read, in which he suggested that the Cubans ask for a 50 per cent. reduction in the tariff. A committee was appointed to consider the recommendation and also the suggestion that the planters engage the services of a permanent representative at Washington.

## OBITUARY

Adolph Dill Ballantyne. Adolph Dill Ballantyne died yesterday at the residence of his aunt, Mrs. H. K. Breeden, No. 719 West Grace Street, at 1 o'clock. The funeral will take place from the residence to-day at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Shivers. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SALISBURY, N. C., November 29.—After an illness of six months from an incurable malady, Mrs. Charles Shivers died at the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium in this city yesterday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. She was 75 years old and two small children. The remains were taken to Faith, Rowan county, for interment to-day.

Mrs. H. H. Smith John. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] POCAHONTAS, VA., November 29.—Mrs. Hope Smith John, aged thirty-four, the wife of Robert G. John, of Stoner, Va., was buried here Friday afternoon. Mrs. John was the daughter of Henry Smith, who was an old resident of this place. She leaves a husband and five children.

Mr. and Mrs. John lived in Pocahontas for a number of years, and some time ago moved to Stoner, Pa., their native home, to reside, but Mrs. John's health being bad, they returned to Stoner, Va., about three months ago, and it was there she died.

## TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a called meeting of the Richmond Fruit and Produce Association, held Friday evening, November 27th, the following was unanimously adopted:

Again we are called upon to mourn the loss of a member of this association. The Angel of Death has stricken down in the midst of an active business life Mr. MONRO LEVY, whose integrity and uprightness in business has always commanded our confidence and esteem.

An upright merchant, a good citizen is no more; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. LEVY, the Richmond Fruit and Produce Association has lost a worthy and valued member, and while we bow in humble submission to an Allwise Providence we mourn the loss of a friend, the family and friends of the deceased and tender them our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That the secretary spread these resolutions on the minutes of the association and transmit a copy of them to the family of the deceased.

B. A. JACOB, W. M. ENKINS, JR., EARNY BOWMAN, Committee.

A copy for the minutes. GEO. M. MCINNIS, President.

B. W. JACOB, Secretary.

## TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Gloucester county, held at the courthouse thereof, on the 27th day of November 1908:

Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors of Gloucester, having heard with deepest regret of the death of Mr. JOSEPH BRYAN, tender to his family its sincere sympathy in their great affliction.

Resolved, further, That in Mr. Joseph Bryan we recognize the highest type of the Christian gentleman, a brave and devoted son of our loved Confederacy, a true and loyal citizen of Virginia and a tender, loving brother to all the people of his native county, our own Gloucester.

And it is ordered that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the board, and that a copy be forwarded to the family of the deceased, and that copies be published in The Richmond Times-Dispatch and Gloucester Tribune.

A copy—Teste: C. E. SHACKLEFORD, Deputy Clerk.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a special meeting of the Hollywood Memorial Association called to-day, Saturday, 28th of November, for the purpose of an expression as to what action the association would take in regard to the death of Joseph Bryan, a member, the following resolutions were passed:

The Hollywood Memorial Association, whose high privilege it is to keep in eternal remembrance the sleeping host in fair Hollywood, would lay its tribute of immortality upon the noble and brave soldier of the cross, who has laid down his arms, and now rests from his labors, having fought bravely in the forefront of battle, as a faithful soldier of the cross and of his country, in peace as well as in war.

Our friend, our counselor, our benefactor, to whom we owe so much, has fallen at his post, in the zenith of his usefulness, and like Jacob of old, he has left behind him a precious legacy. With one accord our whole city has risen up and called him blessed, and blessed indeed, also, are those to whom he has left the inheritance of his noble life and stainless name, far richer than countless gold. Well may it be said of him: "Si monumentum requiras, circumspice."

To his sons and his dear wife, our beloved president, to whom his life was set like a perfect gem, must be extended our sympathy and our prayers.

"Yoked in all exercise of noble end, they walked the world." She has seen the life of her husband, who has been eved by her side, and by ours, in our memorial work for the soldiers, his comrades and for the cause so dear to his heart.

Words are poor and fleeting; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Hollywood Memorial Association to-day take such action as shall place itself definitely as a member of the Joseph Bryan Memorial Association to give its aid to the establishment of some lasting memorial, a "more lasting than brass," to the life and services of JOSEPH BRYAN as well as to the memory of the Joseph Bryan Memorial Association, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his wife and family.

JAMES B. WERTH, MRS. KATE PLEASANT MINOR, MRS. LIZZIE CARY DANIEL.

This was followed by a quick response of the decision, from which it was decided that the association should contribute toward the fund from them, and a good sum was realized in a few moments.

## DEATHS

BALLAUF.—Died at the residence of his aunt, Mrs. H. K. Breeden, 719 West Grace Street, on Saturday at 1 o'clock. Adolph Dill Ballantyne, a son of the deceased, was present at the residence at 1 o'clock on Monday.

MORTON.—Died, suddenly, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Sunday, November 29th, NORMAN SUMMERS MORTON, in the forty-fourth year of his age. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

SPITZER.—Died, suddenly, November 28, 1908, at quarter-past 4 P. M., ARTHUR J. SPITZER, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. Funeral at the grave in Hollywood THIS (Monday) MORNING at 11 o'clock.

Request, no flowers. Norfolk papers please copy.

## News Forecast for the Week

Important conventions of national scope and for the discussion of a wide variety of subjects constitute the feature of the news outlook of the coming week. From coal mining and life insurance to interdenominational religious fellowship and the philanthropic work of Jewish women, the subjects range. That of most unusual character, and perhaps, in the long run, of most far-reaching influence, will be the remarkable meeting of the "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America," which will open in Philadelphia on Wednesday evening, and will represent nearly 20,000,000 Protestant church-goers. On Tuesday, at Cincinnati, will begin the meeting of the National Federation of the Councils of Jewish Women, banded together all over the country "to further the best and highest interests of humanity in fields of religious, philanthropic and educational." The United Presbyterian, in annual convention at Pittsburgh, will conduct the organization of a "National Lord's Day Alliance" in the interest of Sabbath observance.

Of more materialistic interest will be the meeting in Washington, beginning Tuesday, of the National Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources, growing out of the meeting of Governors called last spring by President Roosevelt.

In connection with the meeting is to be made public the "Inventory" of the natural resources which the Governors have caused to be compiled in the various States since the President's meeting adjourned. A large number of the Governors are expected to get together again on the 8th to consider further the same important subject.

About the same time at Pittsburgh, the American Mining Congress will be in session. Governors of the coal producing States have been invited to attend the National Convention of the International Seamen's Union.

Life insurance problems will be considered by the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, which will hold its second annual meeting in New York City on Wednesday and Thursday. The first day's proceedings will be devoted to memorial addresses in honor of the late Grover Cleveland, first chairman of the association.

"Standard Oil" will continue to run the gauntlet in several phases of the prosecutions running against the great petroleum and sundry places. John D. Archbold will return to the witness stand in New York City before the referee who is taking testimony in the government suit about the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. There may be developments of the suit \$25,000,000 before the United States Supreme Court, which resumes sessions at Washington after a fortnight's recess. At Buffalo is scheduled the company's action for a new trial of the rehearing case, in which it was convicted at Rochester last spring.

The Democratic members of the House of Representatives at Washington will caucus on the 5th to choose a minority leader in place of John Sharp Williams, whose resignation, issued last June, will take effect December 1st. The Ways and Means Committee will continue its hearings on the subject of revision of the tariff, and the Finance Committee will continue its hearings on the subject of revision of the tariff.

Atlanta's mayoralty campaign has reached a stage of bitter feeling; the conflict between the Woodward and Maddox factions having become so intense that the Mayor and police officials have been urged to prevent the torchlight parades on both sides, which were planned for Monday night, on the ground of possibility of riot.

Tang Shao Yi, the special envoy of the Chinese government, who came more especially to thank "Uncle Sam" for his consideration in the matter of the Boxer indemnity, is expected to arrive in Washington Monday, and the government has arranged a cordial reception for him.

Among the criminal trials set down for the week, that of widest note is the trial of Charles E. Davis, at Omaha, charged with the murder of Dr. Rustin in compliance with the latter's alleged suicidal intent. The case is one of the most remarkable in recent criminal annals.

In sporting circles most interest attaches to the indoor championship meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union, which will take place Monday and Tuesday at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

This will be a week of interesting foreign news. Wednesday will see the beginning of a new Chinese era with the enthronement of the infant Emperor of China, Pu Yi. It gains interest from the publication of the American-Japanese agreement as to their attitude toward the integrity of China. The outcome of the election of members of the new Turkish Parliament may take almost any form, and there is a continued interchange of the council for the De Castellane and the De Sagan interests in the suit of Count Doul de Castellane against his former

wife, Princess de Sagan (Anna Gould) for the custody of their children.

In London on Monday begins the long-anticipated Congress of the Powers on Maritime Warfare, which merchants will watch with interest, but their hearts will go out chiefly to the naval officers, who will see in the brilliant ceremonies of entertainment and leave-taking, the battleship fleet will sail homeward bound at last.

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